

Objection to Specification

In the Final Office Action at pp. 2-3, Examiner objects to the specification requesting that the embedded hyperlinks be removed. Examiner again reiterated this concern during the Interview. In response, Applicant has amended the specification to remove all embedded hyperlinks and has not added any new matter in doing so. Applicant believes the amendment addresses Examiner's concerns and respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw this objection to the specification.

Claim Objections¹

In the Final Office Action at p. 3-4, Examiner objects to claims 6, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23 and 46. In response to the objection to claims 6 and 16, Applicant herein amends claims 6, 7 and 16 to uniformly refer to "Internet cataloging engine(s)." In response to the objection to claim 17, Applicant herein amends claim 17 to articulate the correct spelling of "locator." In response to the objection to claim 19, Applicant herein amends claim 19 to articulate the correct spelling of "exist." In response to the objection to claims 21 and 23, Applicant herein submits amendment to claim 23 changing its dependency from claim 1 to claim 22. In response to the objection to claim 46, Applicant herein amends claim 46 to articulate the correct spelling of "anonymity." Applicant believes that these amendments addresses Examiner's concerns and respectfully requests Examiner to withdraw the objection and allow claims 6, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23 and 46.

¹ As stated in Applicant's response to the Office Action of May 12, 2003, all amendments relating to "Internet cataloging engine(s)" are made solely for the purposes of maintaining consistent terminology throughout the claims. Applicant wishes to note for the record that no subject-matter is being surrendered and that a narrowing amendment is not being made.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 1

In the Final Office Action at p. 4, Examiner states that claims 28 - 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, ¶ 1 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. As discussed above in the Summary of Telephone Interview, Applicant respectfully requested Examiner to reconsider this rejection during the Interview. Examiner indicated that Examiner would withdraw this rejection. Applicant thus now respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw the rejection and allow claims 28 - 47.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2²

In the Final Office Action, at pp. 4-5, Examiner states that claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, ¶ 2 as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the application. Applicant has herein amended claim 6 to refer to an Internet cataloging engine. Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw this rejection and allow claim 6.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

In the Final Office Action, at pp. 5-11, Examiner states that claims 1-23 and 25-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(a) as being anticipated by "Archiving on the Internet" by Brewster Kahle, published 4 November 1996 ("Archiving"). Examiner makes particular reference to the section of Archiving, entitled "Technical Issues of Gathering Data," as well as other parts of Archiving. As discussed during the Interview, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, at least because <u>submission</u> to a network cataloger is a technologically distinct procedure from any <u>retrieval</u> by a network cataloger. Archiving thus fails to disclose and/or

² See supra note 1.

suggest every one of the claim elements. Examiner indicated during the Interview that Examiner would withdraw the Archiving-based § 102(a) rejection, finding all claims patentable over Archiving. Applicant thus respectfully requests that the Examiner now withdraw and rejection and allow claims 1-23 and 25-28.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Office Action, at pp. 11-12, Examiner states that claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Archiving in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,659,732 ("Kirsch"). Because Applicant believes that independent claim 1 is patentable, at least for reasons discussed above, and because claim 24 depends from claim 1, Applicant believes that claim 24 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency from a patentable claim. Applicant reserves the right to argue the patentability of claim 24 on other grounds in this and/or another proceeding. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner reconsider and allow claim 24.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that Applicant has fully responded to the Examiner's concerns and that all claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner immediately allow all claims.

Applicant requests that any questions concerning this matter be directed to the undersigned at (215) 299-2782.

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